



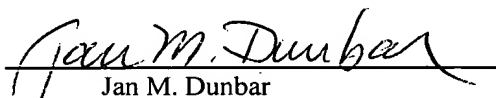
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Applicant: Kenneth G. Flugaur et al.
Serial No: 09/460,638
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For: CHANNEL SLEEVE, IMPROVED PLASMA PROCESSING
CHAMBER CONTAINING CHANNEL SLEEVE AND METHODS OF
MAKING AND USING THE SAME

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant of the above-captioned patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 9, 2004 of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-20.

An extension of time to respond to the final rejection is hereby requested for one month. The payment for a one month extension fee and the appeal fee is enclosed herewith.

If Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for this matter, and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this

application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0541 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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